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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

CALIFORNIA RESTAURANT  
ASSOCIATION,

Plaintiff,

v.

THE CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN  
FRANCISCO and THE SAN FRANCISCO  
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH,

Defendants.

CV 08 3247  
Case No. \_\_\_\_\_

COMPLAINT

**PRELIMINARY STATEMENT**

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2           1.       The California Restaurant Association (“CRA”) seeks declaratory and injunctive  
3 relief to prevent enforcement by the San Francisco Department of Public Health (the “Department”)  
4 of a newly promulgated ordinance, Ordinance 40-08, which amends San Francisco Health Code  
5 §§ 468-468.8. Ordinance 40-08 dictates how selected San Francisco restaurants must communicate  
6 nutrition information to their customers. Ordinance 40-08 applies only to restaurants in the City  
7 and County of San Francisco that have at least twenty establishments doing business in California.  
8 For these restaurants, Ordinance 40-08 requires that select parts of nutrition information (calories on  
9 menu boards or calories together with saturated fat, carbohydrates and sodium on menus) be  
10 displayed in a precisely prescribed manner on menus and menu boards. But the Nutrition Labeling  
11 and Education Act of 1990, 21 U.S.C. §§ 301, 343, 343-1 (“NLEA”), and regulations promulgated  
12 thereunder by the federal Food and Drug Administration (“FDA”), expressly preempt laws like  
13 Ordinance 40-08, in which a state or subdivision of a state “directly or indirectly” establishes any  
14 requirements respecting health or nutrient claims that are “not identical to” the requirements of  
15 federal law. Ordinance 40-08 also infringes on the speech rights, guaranteed by both the First  
16 Amendment of the United States Constitution and Article I, Section 2 of the California Constitution,  
17 of those restaurants that come within its purview, impermissibly compelling government-directed  
18 speech. And Ordinance 40-08 is even preempted by California state law because the California  
19 Retail Food Code, Cal. Health & Safety Code § 113703 *et seq.* (“CRFC”), fully occupies the field  
20 of “health and sanitation standards for retail food facilities . . . .”

21           2.       Through congressional legislation and FDA regulatory action, the federal  
22 government has made a determination that the effective communication by restaurants of nutrition  
23 information to consumers is a complex subject requiring flexibility; that there is no one “right way”  
24 to communicate this information; that restaurants should be permitted and encouraged to try  
25 different ways of doing so; and that they should not be burdened by specific requirements that  
26 would hinder experimentation.

27           3.       Defendants’ regime takes a directly contrary approach. For selected restaurants,  
28 Defendants wish to require that information about calories, saturated fat, carbohydrates and sodium

1 be communicated in a particular and inflexible manner to customers. A restaurant subject to  
2 Ordinance 40-08 must post the nutrition information of each menu item at a particular spot in the  
3 restaurant. For items on menu boards, these restaurants must disclose calorie information in a size  
4 and typeface as prominent as the menu item's name or price. S.F. Health Code § 468.3(c). On  
5 menus, these restaurants must disclose calories, saturated fat, carbohydrates and sodium in a "clear  
6 and conspicuous" size and typeface near the menu item. *Id.* § 468.3(b). Failure to make these  
7 disclosures subjects restaurants to governmental sanction. *Id.* § 468.6. Federal law imposes no  
8 such requirements. Ordinance 40-08 is thus "not identical to" the regulations promulgated under  
9 the NLEA and, in fact, contravenes the federal regulatory scheme. Thus, Ordinance 40-08 is  
10 expressly preempted and unenforceable under the Supremacy Clause of the United States  
11 Constitution.

12 4. Defendants' inflexible regime also impermissibly burdens CRA members' First  
13 Amendment rights. Ordinance 40-08 requires restaurants to publish Defendants' health message; it  
14 forces the restaurants to do so as if the message were the restaurants' own message; and it forces the  
15 restaurants to communicate in a way that is incomplete and misleading.

16 5. To protect CRA members' First Amendment rights, and to prevent the Defendants  
17 from imposing a regime preempted by the NLEA and regulations promulgated thereunder, Plaintiff  
18 CRA seeks a declaration that Ordinance 40-08 is invalid, and an injunction barring Defendants from  
19 enforcing it.

### 20 JURISDICTION

21 6. Because this action arises under the Constitution and laws of the United States, this  
22 Court has jurisdiction under 28 U.S.C. § 1331.

23 7. This Court has supplemental jurisdiction over Plaintiff's claims arising under the  
24 California Constitution and the CRFC pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1367.

25 8. This Court also has jurisdiction under 28 U.S.C. § 1343(a)(3) and 42 U.S.C. § 1983  
26 to redress deprivations under color of any state law, statute, custom or usage, of any right, privilege  
27 or immunity secured by the Constitution of the United States.  
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1 Thus, FDA regulations expressly grant restaurants broad discretion in choosing a format for the  
2 presentation of whatever nutrition information they provide. 21 C.F.R. § 101.10. Specifically,  
3 section 101.10 of the FDA's regulations allows restaurants to present nutrition information "in  
4 various forms, including those provided in § 101.45 [allowing a wide range of formats, including  
5 signs, charts, brochures, posters, leaflets, videos and other media] *and other reasonable means.*"  
6 (Emphasis supplied.)

7 15. This flexibility is essential to the FDA's regulatory scheme, which seeks to secure  
8 the availability of accurate and complete information about the nutritional content of restaurant food  
9 without making the requirements for disclosure unnecessarily onerous.

10 16. In accordance with the discretion granted under the NLEA and accompanying  
11 regulations, some CRA members have elected to provide nutritional information to their customers  
12 using a variety of formats, including in-store brochures, websites, in-store posters, toll free  
13 numbers, tray liners and food packaging.

14 17. Such restaurants have sought to give customers access to complete nutrient  
15 information in a user-friendly format that emphasizes the importance of a well-balanced diet and a  
16 healthy lifestyle. Consistent with the prevailing view among public health experts that obesity is  
17 the result of several factors acting together over time, and that proper consumer education is  
18 essential, these restaurants have avoided overemphasizing the importance of any one nutrient—such  
19 as calories, fat or carbohydrates—to an overall, well-balanced diet, and have focused instead on  
20 providing consumers with a balanced presentation of all relevant nutrition information, including  
21 fat, sodium, calories, carbohydrates, cholesterol, protein, vitamins and minerals.

22 18. On March 24, 2008, San Francisco enacted Ordinance 40-08, which requires all  
23 restaurants with at least twenty establishments in California to post certain nutrition information for  
24 each menu item on menus, menu boards and food tags. Ordinance 40-08 is scheduled to take effect  
25 on September 20, 2008.

26 19. Ordinance 40-08 dictates the manner, size and typeface that the restaurant must use  
27 to present certain nutrient content claims of an item. On menu boards and food tags, Ordinance 40-  
28 08 mandates that covered restaurants post the "total number of calories ... next to or beneath each



1 Menu Item ... using a font and format ... at least as prominent, in size and appearance, as that used  
2 to post either the name or price of the Menu Item.” S.F. Health Code § 468.3(c). On their menus,  
3 covered restaurants must post the total number of calories, total number of grams of saturated fat,  
4 total number of grams of carbohydrates and total number of milligrams of sodium “next to or  
5 beneath each Menu Item using a size and typeface that is clear and conspicuous.” S.F. Health Code  
6 § 468.3(b). The law further requires that these restaurants state on their menus, “Recommended  
7 limits for a 2,000 calorie daily diet are 20 grams of saturated fat and 2,300 milligrams of sodium.”  
8 *Id.* § 468.3(b)(2).

9 20. Ordinance 40-08 thus isolates on menus and menu boards certain nutrition content  
10 from the body of nutrition information set forth in the FDA-created “Nutrition Facts” panel format  
11 found on packaged foods. In contrast to Ordinance 40-08, the “Nutrition Facts” panel provides the  
12 full range of information the FDA has determined consumers require to make informed dietary  
13 choices, including calories from fat, fat, trans fat, cholesterol, dietary fiber, sugars, protein, and  
14 vitamin and mineral content of a given menu item. Ordinance 40-08 severely limits restaurants’  
15 freedom in communicating nutrition information to their customers. By forcing restaurants to make  
16 nutrient content claims only on select information, Ordinance 40-08 compels restaurants to convey  
17 a nutrition message on their menu and menu boards that the restaurants believe is incomplete,  
18 misleading, and with which they do not agree: namely, that information on these select nutrients is  
19 the only relevant nutrition criterion to consider when making food selections.

20 21. Limiting the nutrient information—on menu boards to calories and on menus to  
21 calories, saturated fat, carbohydrates and sodium—as a guideline to the healthfulness of a particular  
22 food, is misleading. Some higher calorie foods, for example, have more nutritional value than some  
23 lower calorie foods.

24 22. By imposing a rigid regime governing how restaurants must communicate nutritional  
25 information to customers, Ordinance 40-08 contravenes the approach taken by Congress, the FDA,  
26 and prevailing public health opinion.

27 23. Ordinance 40-08 also imposes significant economic injury on the restaurants it  
28 governs. CRA members will incur added costs in complying with Ordinance 40-08. Addition of

1 nutrition information will increase the amount of text on the menus and menu boards. In order to fit  
2 the new information, the font size of the item name and price in all likelihood would have to be  
3 reduced, making menus and menu boards more cluttered and harder to read.

#### 4 **FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION**

##### 5 (Federal Preemption)

6 24. Plaintiff realleges each and every allegation contained above.

7 25. The Supremacy Clause (Article VI) of the United States Constitution states that the  
8 “Laws of the United States which shall be made in Pursuance [of the Constitution] . . . shall be  
9 the supreme Law of the Land . . . .” When there is a conflict between a state law and federal  
10 law, the federal law preempts the state law.

11 26. The NLEA provides that any food labeling requirement imposed by a state or  
12 political subdivision of a state that is “not identical to” the requirement contained in the statute is  
13 preempted. 21 U.S.C. § 343-1(a)(5). Specifically, the NLEA states: “no State or political  
14 subdivision of a State may directly or indirectly establish under any authority or continue in effect  
15 as to any food in interstate commerce any requirement respecting any claim of the type described in  
16 section 343(r)(1) of this title [*i.e.*, nutrition claims] made in the label or labeling of food that is not  
17 identical to the requirement of section 343(r) of this title, except a requirement respecting a claim  
18 made in the label or labeling of food which is exempt under [a section of the statute dealing with  
19 claims concerning cholesterol, saturated fat, dietary fiber and nutrients that increase the risk of  
20 disease, not relevant here].” *Id.*

21 27. The labeling requirements contained in Ordinance 40-08 are “not identical to” the  
22 requirements in the NLEA. Ordinance 40-08 isolates certain nutrition information from all other  
23 nutrient content claims, requires that it be posted in particular spots at the restaurant (the menu, food  
24 tags or menu board), and dictates that it be presented in a certain size and appearance (including  
25 font and format). The NLEA does not contain any of these requirements. Therefore, Ordinance 40-  
26 08 is “not identical to” the requirements in the NLEA and is preempted.

28. As a nutrient labeling requirement inconsistent with both the language and purpose of the NLEA and its regulations, Ordinance 40-08 is preempted under the Supremacy Clause of the United States Constitution.

## **SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION**

### **(State Preemption)**

29. Plaintiff realleges each and every allegation contained above.

30. Article XI, Section 7 of the California Constitution provides that “[a] county or city may make and enforce within its limits all local, police, sanitary and other ordinances and regulations not in conflict with general laws.” When there is a conflict between a local law and state law, the state law preempts the local law.

31. The California Retail Food Code (“CRFC”), Cal. Health & Safety Code § 113703 *et seq.*, regulates the retail sale of food, including food served at restaurants, on a statewide basis. The CRFC provides that, “[e]xcept as provided in Section 113709 [not relevant here], it is the intent of the Legislature to occupy the whole field of health and sanitation standards for retail food facilities, and the standards set forth in this part and regulations adopted pursuant to this part shall be exclusive of all local health and sanitation standards relating to retail food facilities.” Cal. Health & Safety Code § 113705.

32. Under the CRFC, pre-packaged foods must meet labeling requirements, including nutrition labeling requirements specified under the NLEA. Cal. Health & Safety Code § 114089(a), (b)(5). In addition, the CRFC contains labeling requirements for bulk foods. The CRFC does not specifically require nutrition labeling of foods prepared and served at restaurants. By contrast, Ordinance 40-08 requires that certain nutrition information be posted in particular spots at the restaurant (the menu, food tags or menu board) and dictates that it be presented in a certain size and appearance (including font and format).

33. The requirements of Ordinance 40-08 fall within the CRFC’s fully occupied field of “health and sanitation standards for retail food facilities . . . .” Thus, Ordinance 40-08 conflicts with the CRFC.



1           34. As a nutrient labeling requirement that conflicts with the CRFC, Ordinance 40-08 is  
2 preempted under the California Constitution.

3                                   **THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION**

4                                   (First Amendment)

5           35. Plaintiff realleges each and every allegation contained above.

6           36. The First Amendment of the United States Constitution provides: "Congress shall  
7 make no law . . . abridging the freedom of speech . . ." In protecting the autonomy of every  
8 speaker to choose the content of his message, the First Amendment—applied to the states by  
9 incorporation into the Fourteenth Amendment—guarantees the right to speak, the right not to speak,  
10 and the right to choose the content on one's message. The commercial nature of speech does not  
11 deprive it of these guarantees.

12           37. By requiring restaurants to make certain nutrient content claims on their menus and  
13 menu boards, Ordinance 40-08 compels restaurants to convey Defendants' health message; to  
14 express the message as if it were the restaurants' own; and to deliver a message with which many  
15 restaurants disagree: namely, that information about calories and a few other nutrients is the only  
16 relevant nutrition criterion to consider when making food selections.

17           38. Defendants are unable to demonstrate that Ordinance 40-08 will advance their  
18 asserted interest in reducing the incidence of obesity in the City and County of San Francisco.  
19 Absent this demonstration, San Francisco's substantial infringement of member restaurants'  
20 constitutional rights is impermissible.

21           39. In addition, Ordinance 40-08 is not narrowly enough drawn.

22           40. Accordingly, Ordinance 40-08 violates member restaurants' rights to freedom of  
23 speech guaranteed by the First Amendment to the United States Constitution, as incorporated by the  
24 Fourteenth Amendment.

25           41. Plaintiff has no remedy at law for such deprivation of its members' rights.

26                                   **FOURTH CAUSE OF ACTION**

27                                   (Article I, Section 2 of the California Constitution)

28           42. Plaintiff realleges each and every allegation contained above.

45. Defendants are unable to demonstrate that Ordinance 40-08 will advance their asserted interest in reducing the incidence of obesity in the City and County of San Francisco. Absent this demonstration, San Francisco's substantial infringement of member restaurants' state constitutional rights is impermissible.

47. Accordingly, Ordinance 40-08 violates member restaurants' rights to freedom of speech guaranteed by Article I, Section 2 of the California Constitution.

## **PRAYER FOR RELIEF**

1. Declaring that Ordinance 40-08, being inconsistent with federal labeling laws, is preempted under the Supremacy Clause of the United States Constitution and, therefore, of no force;

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1           3.       Declaring that Ordinance 40-08 denies Plaintiff's member restaurants the right to  
2 freedom of speech and thereby violates the First Amendment to the United States Constitution, as  
3 incorporated by the Fourteenth Amendment;

4           4.       Declaring that Ordinance 40-08 denies Plaintiff's member restaurants the right to  
5 freedom of speech guaranteed by Article I, Section 2 of the California Constitution;

6           5.       Preliminarily and permanently enjoining the Defendants from enforcing Ordinance  
7 40-08;

8           6.       Awarding Plaintiff damages to be proved at trial pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1983, and  
9 its costs and expenses, including reasonable attorneys' fees as permitted by 42 U.S.C. § 1988,  
10 necessarily incurred in connection with this action; and

11          7.       Granting such other and further relief as this Court may deem just and proper.  
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13 Dated: July 3, 2008

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**VI. CAUSE OF ACTION**

Cite the U.S. Civil Statute under which you are filing (Do not cite jurisdictional statutes unless diversity):  
 42 U.S.C. 1983; the First and Fourteenth Amendments

Brief description of cause:

Action for declaratory judgment that local ordinance is unconstitutional.

**VII. REQUESTED IN COMPLAINT:**

☐ CHECK IF THIS IS A CLASS ACTION UNDER F.R.C.P. 23

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**VIII. RELATED CASE(S) IF ANY**

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**IX. DIVISIONAL ASSIGNMENT (CIVIL L.R. 3-2) (PLACE AND "X" IN ONE BOX ONLY)**

☒ SAN FRANCISCO/OAKLAND

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DATE July 3, 2008

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**II. Jurisdiction.** The basis of jurisdiction is set forth under Rule 8(a), F.R.C.P., which requires that jurisdictions be shown in pleadings. Place an "X" in one of the boxes. If there is more than one basis of jurisdiction, precedence is given in the order shown below.

United States plaintiff. (1) Jurisdiction based on 28 U.S.C. 1345 and 1348. Suits by agencies and officers of the United States are included here.

United States defendant. (2) When the plaintiff is suing the United States, its officers or agencies, place an "X" in this box.

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Diversity of citizenship. (4) This refers to suits under 28 U.S.C. 1332, where parties are citizens of different states. When Box 4 is checked, the citizenship of the different parties must be checked. (See Section III below; federal question actions take precedence over diversity cases.)

**III. Residence (citizenship) of Principal Parties.** This section of the JS 44 is to be completed if diversity of citizenship was indicated above. Mark this section for each principal party.

**IV. Nature of Suit.** Place an "X" in the appropriate box. If the nature of suit cannot be determined, be sure the cause of action, in Section VI below, is sufficient to enable the deputy clerk or the statistical clerks in the Administrative Office to determine the nature of suit. If the cause fits more than one nature of suit, select the most definitive.

**V. Origin.** Place an "X" in one of the seven boxes.

Original Proceedings. (1) Cases which originate in the United States district courts.

Removed from State Court. (2) Proceedings initiated in state courts may be removed to the district courts under Title 28 U.S.C., Section 1441. When the petition for removal is granted, check this box.

Remanded from Appellate Court. (3) Check this box for cases remanded to the district court for further action. Use the date of remand as the filing date.

Reinstated or Reopened. (4) Check this box for cases reinstated or reopened in the district court. Use the reopening date as the filing date.

Transferred from Another District. (5) For cases transferred under Title 28 U.S.C. Section 1404(a). Do not use this for within district transfers or multidistrict litigation transfers.

Multidistrict Litigation. (6) Check this box when a multidistrict case is transferred into the district under authority of Title 28 U.S.C. Section 1407. When this box is checked, do not check (5) above.

Appeal to District Judge from Magistrate Judgment. (7) Check this box for an appeal from a magistrate judge's decision.

**VI. Cause of Action.** Report the civil statute directly related to the cause of action and give a brief description of the cause. **Do not cite jurisdictional statutes unless diversity.**

Example:

U.S. Civil Statute: 47 USC 553

Brief Description: Unauthorized reception of cable service

**VII. Requested in Complaint.** Class Action. Place an "X" in this box if you are filing a class action under Rule 23, F.R.Cv.P.

Demand. In this space enter the dollar amount (in thousands of dollars) being demanded or indicate other demand such as a preliminary injunction.

Jury Demand. Check the appropriate box to indicate whether or not a jury is being demanded.

**VIII. Related Cases.** This section of the JS 44 is used to reference related pending cases if any. If there are related pending cases, insert the docket numbers and the corresponding judge names for such cases.

**Date and Attorney Signature.** Date and sign the civil cover sheet.